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proposal IRRC #3147, which makes changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania

Code.

To: Cindy Findley

Director, Division of Immunization

Department of Health

Regarding reduced flexibility for provisional admittance to school:

Under the proposed changes, parents who choose to delay immunizations until admittance to school will not have enough flexibility in obtaining the required vaccines. Five days is far too short a provisional period. There may be danger in requiring too many vaccine doses in a short period of time. Parents should have more time (60 days) to develop a plan for their children to receive the required vaccines.

Regarding changes to documenting a prior history of chickenpox:

Many parents do not take their infected child to the doctor when infected by chickenpox. These children should not be required to receive the vaccine because they have developed natural immunity. A written statement from the parents should still be treated as sufficient evidence that the child has a history of chickenpox.

Thank you for your consideration on these matters. Sincerely, Colette Greb